



# HI-Q

## THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JOURNAL

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VE3FW - LARC call sign - honours the memory of the Founding President - P. J. "Pat" O'Shea

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### LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT	MOUNT BALDY	147.060 (-600) FP
VE3TBR	ST. JOSEPH'S	146.820 (-600) FP 442.075 (+5 MHz)
VE3BGA	HILLCREST H.S.	145.450 (-600) ( IRLP NODE VA3LU 123.0 Hz)

Spring is now under way and we have only two more LARC meetings left before summer rolls around.

I would like to thank Lindo VE3NHX and Andy VE3INI for putting on the presentation of the club's repeater equipment which is at Mount Baldy and St. Joseph's Heritage sites.

There is still an ongoing discussion on holding the Field Day event, which is June 28 and 29. If you have any ideas or plans please come out to the next meeting on May 08.

Hope to see you there.

Your President  
Bob VE3RVA

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club  
Held in Room 191 Confederation College  
Thunder Bay, Ontario, April 10, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 19:30, by the President VE3RVA, Bob Hansen with ?? members and guests in attendance.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of meeting held on March 13 were published in detail in the April issue of Hi-Q and distributed to all members **Motion:** Moved by VE3LU, Terry Stewardson and seconded by VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki that the minutes be accepted as distributed. **Carried**

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurer=s Report:**

**Motion:** VE3LU, Terry Stewardson and seconded by VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki that the Treasurer=s Report be accepted as distributed in the last Hi-Q. **Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

**Equipment:** VE3LU, Terry Stewardson – VE3YQT had some work done on it. The battery is dead. VE3LU will donate a transport battery.

**RAC:** VE3XRC, Norm RAC is appointing a new bulletin editor (bilingual) Also a new pamphlet “Getting Started in Amateur Radio”

**Public Service:** VE3ZG, Michael Nawrocki Upcoming events: Skate for hope – Aug 10 - 8 AM setup 3 (6 preferably) people needed. Conquer the Dog – Week later?

Legion 10 mile road race May 19 – 10/11 people needed. Triathlon July

**CanWarn:** Weather office closing. We can get the equipment if we can find a location that is accessible 24 hours per day. Possible funding available – Quick proposal was put in for a tower to be located in Upsala and some other equipment.

**Emergency Services Command Post:** \$1050 in the bank. Structure is almost done, some equipment decisions need to be made. Start being insured in June

**Classes:** Almost done, Thanks to the Bills for all their help in putting on the classes.

**Old Business:**

**Field day:** June, Can hold it at Mark’s place again OR can do a QRP field day. Wait till next meeting.

**Hospital tour** – A list was passed around to see who want to go. Tour is postponed till after current work is done and Hospital becomes safe for tours again.

**Audit** – do the other months still need to be done? Is the audit calendar year or club year, what does the constitution say?

**New Business:**

VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki – has a list of equipment that belong to the estate of ????

Next year’s club dinner at the Slovak on February 21, 2004

Creation of a comity for locating a place for the CanWarn equipment VE3XRC, Norm RAC, VE3LU, Terry Stewardson, and VE3SNW, Ed Baumann

**50/50 Draw:** The winner of the 50/50 draw was VE3LU, Terry Stewardson

**Adjournment:** Moved by VE3LU, Terry Stewardson that the meeting be adjourned.

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Glen:

This was from the April 3/03 Chronicle Journal.....Maybe post it in the HI-Q.....

Fred

VE3FAL

## **Dryden Youngster Very in Touch with Rest of the World**

By Bryan Meadows - The Chronicle-Journal

April 03, 2003

A lot of young people are into video games and talking on the phone after school. Not 12-year-old Brendan McDonald of Dryden.

Brendan has passed his Basic Amateur Radio License exam and now talks with others around the world on VHF and HF radio frequencies.

His amateur call sign is VA3BJM.

Brendan said he got interested in amateur radio by watching and listening with his uncle Scott Moody, an avid radio enthusiast. "I first started watching my uncle talk on his radio, and then he let me help him work at his station." It's kind of a family tradition, as his father Dean (VA3DAM), mother Shelley (VA3SJM), and other relatives are also licensed. Brendan said he listens and chats with other radio operators for 10-20 minutes a day.

"It's interesting to hear people from different countries. I usually talk to South America, as access to the region is open as soon as I get home from school," he said. Brendan worked on his own with the Radio Amateur of Canada study guide and a computer practice examination program from Industry Canada, before passing the amateur radio exam "with flying colours," his uncle said.

"Brendan will have a lifetime of learning and enjoyment with this activity," Moody (VA3EXT) said. Brendan has also passed his basic licence and Morse code tests. If he gets his advanced amateur licence he can run his station with 1,000watts of power, sponsor a repeater and build equipment..Armed with his basic licence, Brendan has become a member of the Amateur Radio Society of Dryden, and the club's Amateur Radio Emergency Services group.

The 80-member group serves the community by helping with communications and co-ordination in emergencies such as last summer's chlorine-dioxide gas leak at the mill. The club was involved with Y2K preparations and works the Christmas parade and Pumpkin Patrol on Gate Night and Halloween.

Brendan plans to improve his radio station this summer with a new tower and a few more antennae. With those improvements, the youngster will be able to chat

with others on local repeaters and access amateur satellites as they pass overhead.

Moody said amateur radio enthusiasts are quite active in the Dryden area.

"A lot of them use their radios strictly for personal use and get into it because they want communications between their homes and camps," he said.

The Amateur Radio Society of Dryden runs a basic course every year for about a half-dozen people.

For more information visit the club's Web site at

[www.arsd.dryden.net](http://www.arsd.dryden.net)

### **From Dave Kimpton VE3AVS**

P.S. personal suggestion from myself, Glen. I think we might get more operators participating at Field Day if they were encouraged ahead of time to sign up for an operating "shift", which could be a two hour slot (or more than one slot). This way no one would feel they have to stay the entire 24 hours or even half-day. I'd like the club to try this at the next meeting and I'll attempt to b there to speak in favor of it. Cheers. Dave

### **From VE3AY**

Sent: Friday, April 25, 2003 1:04 AM

> Subject: **ARES HF Net Apr 27th with VE4WWO Back-up**

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>> Greetings to all ARES HF net participants:

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>> Our second attempt at an HF net for ARES-Manitoba readiness on April 2nd

>> at 1400 local (2 pm) was quite successful. My thanks to the 29 Amateurs

>> who checked in on our three HF frequencies and via VHF and IRLP.

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>> Our next net will occur at a NEW TIME, 1600 H (4 pm) local, but on the

>> same frequencies, on Sunday, April 27th, 2003.

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>> After considerable feedback from Amateurs, we've adjusted the 'Net time

>> to 1600 H local (4 pm). And, we've decided to operate 2 such Nets per

>> month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays (all year long).

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>> This second ARES-Manitoba HF net, in summary:

>> a. Our 40 metre frequency (7070 KHz) worked well, at 2 pm CST on April

>> 6th, giving reasonable propagation from the Winnipeg region North to

>> Flin Flon, west to Regina and south to Morris and beyond.

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>> b. Our 75 metre frequency (3735 KHz) was less usable but a few stations

> > were heard to check in on 3735.  
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> > c. Our national coordination frequency (14.140 MHz USB) had a few check  
> > ins and that option should be exercised on a routine basis.  
> >  
> > d. Our "VHF listener line" (VE4EDU repeater at 147.300+) collected  
> > several check-ins. (See Jeff's suggestions below for VE4WWO operation  
> > and for IRLP inter-connection to the DARCI network via VE4UMR and  
> > VE4SRR.)  
> >  
> > e. I've added a several new call signs to the email contact list and  
> > again encourage all ARES HF Net participants to add more in future.  
> >  
> > If you have a specific recommendation, please email or telephone me to  
> > discuss how we might improve the effectiveness of this HF-readiness net.  
> >  
> > I will be away in 5X country (Uganda in east Africa) for the April 27th  
> > Net, so I'd ask that VE4WWO operators fill in for me. My flight  
> > schedules don't permit me to get set up in time, or I'd arrange an  
> > international check-in from Kampala. While in Uganda, I'll be meeting  
> > with various emergency response officials to encourage them to adopt MB  
> > ARES-type and non-Amateur ERTS-type procedures for their country.  
> >  
> > Again, thank you for "checking in" on April 6th. ARES-Manitoba does  
> > appreciate your on-going commitment to public service via Amateur  
> > Radio. And a special thanks to Jeff Dovyak for organizing VE4WWO  
> > back-up Ops.  
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> > 73 and 88s,  
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> > Wayne, VE4WR on behalf of ARES-Manitoba  
> > telephone or fax to Winnipeg (204) 889-3584.  
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> > Contributed by Jeff, VE4MBQ (slight revisions by Wayne, VE4WR)  
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> > **MANITOBA ARES HF NET, PROCEDURES FOR VE4WWO** (Winnipeg  
Weather Office)

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> > Manitoba ARES Readiness Net 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, 1600h (4  
> > pm) local. Net Manager is Wayne Warren VE4WR.  
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> > Net is run on HF: 7070 kHz and 3735 kHz and on VHF: VE4EDU in Winnipeg  
> > for liaison and local check-ins, and use VE4UMR to access DARCI Network  
> > repeater VE4SRR in Swan River. via IRLP.

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> > VE4WWO is to participate in this Net whenever possible. During the  
> > Summer Severe Weather season, the outgoing on-call Net Controller and  
> > incoming on-call Net Controller can participate in the Net on HF and act  
> > as Net Control on VHF.  
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> > Upon request of Wayne Warren, the VE4WWO Controllers will also be HF Net  
> > Control.  
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> > For HF operation:  
> > 1. Call the Net to order at 1400h local, with preamble  
> > "This is VE4WWO Net Control Station for the Manitoba ARES Readiness  
> > Net"  
> > 2. Ask if there is any emergency traffic before proceeding.  
> > 3. If acting as HF NCS, call for check-ins first on 7070, then on 3735.  
> > 4. Ensure that you ask a station on 7070 to remain and take any traffic  
> > while you are on 3735.  
> > 5. Ask another operator to call on and monitor 14.140 Mhz (USB) while  
> > the  
> > ARES HF Net is in operation.  
> > 6. After taking check-ins on 3735 return to 7070 and call for any  
> > additional check-ins.  
> > 7. When the control operator (NCS) is certain that all check-ins are  
> > accounted for, ask for comments or suggestions for the next Net.  
> > When  
> > that dialogue is complete, close the Net on all 3 HF frequencies.  
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> > For VHF operation:  
> > 1. Bring up VE4SRR via IRLP a few minutes before 1600h local.  
> > 2. Ensure that VE4UMR is not in use before bringing up SRR on IRLP.  
> > 3. While on VE4UMR: set SRR ON with 1700, and OFF with 1701.  
> > 4. Before dismissing the Net remind participants of next Net date.  
> >  
> > J. Dovyak, VE4MBQ, 18APR03  
> >



Can you name these young amateurs out on Field Day several years ago?

**Regular Monthly LARC Meeting  
Thursday May 9 1930 Hours  
Room 191 McIntyre Building**

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**Thank you to this month's contributors.**  
**Glen wallace VE3ICY**